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Gas powered leaf blowers have ruined the quality of life in my neighborhood in Portland. I'm listening to them right now. Three different leaf blowers coming from three different directions. Some of them probably one or two blocks away the leaf blowers I hear are generally in poor service have no mufflers and are extremely loud. They run all day and summer fall Once or twice a week and winter and starting right now in the spring all day, I would like to see these completely outlawed because of the noise pollution. The noise pollution is not monitored or enforced. I have personally called the noise pollution department in Portland to no avail. None of the noise pollution has stopped. This has been going on for years now I'm sure everyone involved with this right now in this meeting is very familiar with the noise and hears it in any residential neighborhood in Portland. I can tell these leaf blowers are many decibels higher than the city standard, because I can hear them from so far away , I don't think it's right for citizens of this city to listen to this cacophony all day long three seasons out of the year from INSIDE THEIR HOUSES. My neighbors, all hire lawn services that use these loud poorly serviced leaf blowers, and they themselves are conveniently not home when the lawn services show up being a retiree. I listen to it all day long. It's extremely tiring and infuriating in summer with windows open. It's unbearable and windows have to be closed. Does that sound like a good way to live? Not to me. In summer also people like to go sit in their backyard. I know I do and I cannot sit out there for 10 minutes without a leaf blower being fired up somewhere near my house. It really puts a damper on everything because it really is just uncontrolled machine noise.   Please outlaw these machines today. There are many other alternatives to doing the same job   thank you for your time.
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